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Applicants : David Baltimore et al.
Serial No. : CPA of 08/813,323 Examiner: M. Davis
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and
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Washington, D.C. 20231
BOX: CPA

Sir:

PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION AND PETITION FOR A FIVE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME

This communication accompanies a continued prosecution application (CPA) of U.S. Serial No. 08/813,323 filed March 10, 1997. A Notice of Appeal was filed in connection with the subject application on August 18, 2000. Thus, an appeal brief was due on October 18, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time for filing the appeal brief. The fee for a five-month extension of time for a small entity is NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$945.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a five-month extension of time, a response is now due March 18, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

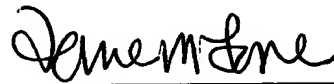
Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 18, 2000.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Preliminary Communication, the Amendment filed August 18, 2000, or the accompanying Continued Prosecution Application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

No fee, other than the enclosed fee of \$355.00 for the filing of the CPA and the \$945.00 five-month extension of time fee, is deemed necessary. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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